

RHSO (Rivers Heritage Site and Orchard)

Committee Meeting 23/10/18 @ 23 Rowney Gardens 1930

Present: Ruth, Adrienne, Nickie, Geoff, Eric (part)

Apologies: Robinne, Hazel, Dave

Minutes of last meeting – these were agreed by all present

Finance:

Hazel had sent a report that the SWBS account had a current balance of £2734.21 and we discussed that there were some expenses from Apple day still to be paid and some funds from the refreshment stall were not yet included.

Maintenance

Adrienne reported that there is some membrane damage, more pegs need to be put around. Rob and Elizabeth will guide us through any pruning. We discussed the need to recruit some more volunteers.

Town Walk

This was supported by volunteers and raised £62.

Apple Day – 6th October

We discussed how considering the weather and year we'd had, the Apple day was really well supported and all apples were picked before the rain came down and it was a good decision to pack up early. It worked well having volunteers showing pickers to the trees, the refreshments were well received and the scouts did an excellent job in providing the urn as well as helping out on the day with both picking and packing up. We will check that Peter & Lanier have been thanked. 488 bottles of juice have been produced and we will sell new stock at £3 a bottle to cover additional production costs. The remaining stock from last year will stay at £3 for one or £5 for 2 bottles. Adrienne will let us know when labels are done so that help can be requested for putting labels on the new bottles

Xmas Lights – Sat 24th November

We held a discussion on how we might run this event but decided that owing to a shortage of volunteers available we would decline for this year. Nickie to let Jo know & ask to be updated for next year. Hazel/Dave & Adrienne will cover a table in the Memorial Hall

Stall in Bell Street: - we will investigate the possibility of a stall on 15/12 9 – 1 Nickie to ask for vols & Ruth to apply for licence

Wassail

We held a discussion on the Wassail – and the provisional date: 19th January stands, but there are still many issues that need to be resolved before a final decision can be made. Matters are still subject to STC acceptance of our risk assessment and possibly contact with hospital. Ensuring adequate lighting of area may be a key issue and Nickie will ask the volunteers for any battery lights they could let us use, and gazebos. We could buy some torches and battery lights. A decision will be made end of November:

Adrienne will contact Zoe, Ruth has a band lined up, Geoff getting words of wassail to Ruth

Other events to be explored

Blowing bubbles to salute the blossom will be investigated for another year

We will consider buying our own gazebos etc in future meetings

AOB Next meeting Wednesday 28th November @ 23 Rowney Gardens. Meeting closed at 10.00pm